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ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—July 6. 1799.

Copy of a Letter from Vice-Admiral HARRIS, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's ships and vessels at the Leeward Islands, to EVAN-NEPHEAN, Esq. dated at Fort Royal Bay, Martinique, May 17. 1799.

You will be pleased to acquaint their Lordships, that the following merchant vessels, belonging to the enemy, have been captured by the ships and vessels of his Majesty's Squadron under my command, as against their several names expressed.

By the Bittern—The Spanish ship *Amistad* letter of marque from Gijon in Spain, bound to La Guira, laden with wine brandy, &c.

By the Lapwing—Two French schooners, *La Revanche* and *L'Aimable*, the former from Saint Thomas, and the latter from Saint Bartholomew's, bound to Guadaloupe, laden with dry goods, provisions, &c.

By the Concorde—The French schooner *La Recherche*, from Guadaloupe to Saint Thomas, with sugar and coffee.

By the Southampton—The French schooner *Caroline*, from Saint Domingo to Saint Thomas, with coffee.

By the Pearl—The Dutch schooner *Maria*, from Curacao to Surinam, with salt.

By the Victorious—A small Spanish schooner, from Margarita to the Oronoque, with salt.

You will further acquaint their Lordships, that since my letter to you of the 8th of September last, three British and twelve American vessels, of different denominations, have been recaptured, and fourteen vessels under neutral colours detained on suspicion of having enemy's property on board; by the Squadron under my command.

I have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

HENRY HARRIS.

WAR-OFFICE—July 6. 1799.

Lieut. Vol. Inf.
Captain James Brown, on the half-pay of the 82d foot, to be Captain. Joseph Johnstone to be First Lieutenant. William Martin to be Second Lieutenant.

Lieut. Comp. of the Island of Harris Volunteers.
William Macleod, Esq. to be Captain. Donald Stewart to be First Lieutenant. John Macleod to be Second Lieutenant.

HOUSE OF LORDS—July 5.

The order of the day being called for on the slave trade limitation bill, which was for the House to go into a Committee upon it.

The Duke of CLARENCE maintained that all maritime nations whatever concurred in the policy of the slave trade. America, he said, had indeed passed an act of legislature to abolish it, but it was the misfortune of the Americans to have a government that was not always able to carry the acts of its legislature into effect. His Royal Highness then entered into some calculations of the value of the business that was connected with the slave trade, in which, he said, was embarked upwards of seventy millions sterling. The tonnage of the ships employed in which he considered as equal to the tonnage of the whole shipping of this country at the end of the last century; besides, being thus immensely beneficial to the revenue, it was such a nursery for seamen; and was indeed replete with advantages to the whole of the British empire. At all of these advantages the bill now before the House aimed a destructive blow. His Royal Highness concluded with observing, that he trusted their Lordships would do him the justice to believe that nothing but a sense of duty he owed to his King and his country could have prevailed on him to come forward upon this most important occasion.

Lord GRENVILLE, after expressing his admiration of the eloquence of the illustrious personage who had just spoken, observed, that between him and his Royal Highness there could personally be no debate, because, between them, there was no equality.

Lord ROMNEY called to order.—He agreed with the Noble Secretary of State, that personally there was no equality between an illustrious Prince and any other Member of that House; there could be no equality; personal equality between his Royal Highness and any other Member then in the House there was none, but he always understood that his Majesty having called any person to a seat in that House gave him an equality with any other personage in it, as to the right of speaking. He understood that he had an equal right with that illustrious personage to deliver his sentiments in that House. His Royal Highness had indeed done himself great credit by the speech he had delivered upon this subject, but the right of speaking was equal in that House.

Lord GRENVILLE was far from taking it unkindly that his noble relation had spoken to order. He was clearly convinced, however, he had infringed upon no rule of order. He questioned no right of speech in that House: he only said that between his Royal Highness and himself, there could be no debate personally, because there was no equality.

Lord THURLOW. I wish to have it clearly understood, whether it is the constitution of this House, that we are unequal in our rights to speak here? I am one of the lowest in point of rank. I contend not for superiority of talent, or for any preference, for any consideration whatever; but I claim to be exactly equal not only to the illustrious personage who has just spoken, and who your Lordships have heard with so much pleasure, but also with the Prince of Wales, if he were present in this House, and acting as a Peer of Parliament. I know of no difference between Peers of Parliament considered in their Parliamentary character, and I do think that the lowest rank in the House is equal to the highest, while we are debating. If birth or talents created an inequality in our rights to speak in this House, the illustrious personage who has just spoken would have a higher right than I pretend to have, but I do claim for my humble self an equality with every Prince of the blood, or any other who has a seat in this House, to speak my sentiments.

Lord GRENVILLE then said, he should proceed upon the question before the House without another word upon the subject which had just called their Lordships' attention. He observed that this bill was objected to as a measure that seemed to lead the way to a general abolition. He approved of it on that account, and confessed he wished the whole question of total abolition was carried. He maintained that all opposition to the bill was the effect of prejudice and mistaken interest, working its own ruin by an obstinacy that was equal to its own blindness. The bill now before their Lordships ought to meet the approbation of all those who considered the question as a mere question of arithmetic, for according to their own shewing, it would only do away one twentieth of the profits of the trade, while it took off one fourth of the evil of it. The question of the abolition must again soon be agitated; it was impossible that a trade that was the occasion of fraud, rapine and murder, such as the slave trade was, can long be allowed to continue the reproach of the British Parliament.

The Earl of WESTMORELAND opposed the bill. Lord MORTON thought it a nugatory measure. Lord HOLLAND made an eloquent speech against the slave trade, and for the bill before the House.

Lord HAY (Earl of Kinnoul) opposed the bill. The Bishop of ROCHESTER entered at large into the subject of the slave trade, and declared himself an entire enemy to it. He made a very able speech upon the trade as affecting morality, and although not against the letter, yet most manifestly against the spirit of the Christian religion. He considered the dealers in slaves as much more savage than those whom they enslaved. He declared, amongst a great number of other strong things, that the slave carrying ships were pestiferous jails, in which human life was wasted and profusely squandered away.

Lord THURLOW replied to the Bishop of Rochester, and opposed the bill on a variety of grounds. He said, that he could not see that in the best system of morality, and the purest system of religion which had ever appeared, the Christian religion, there was any prohibition against slavery like that which had been argued by the Reverend Prelate. With respect to the present bill, he could not think it at all calculated for any thing like the purposes which it professed to have in view. He was very severe upon the Sierra Leone company, their piety and professions, and ridiculed such a pretension from a corporation so new as theirs. After a great number of general observations, he concluded with expressing his decided disapprobation of the bill, and said that the principles on which the Reverend Prelate had argued were those of the rights of man.

The House called loudly for the question. For the bill 25—against it 33—Majority 7. Proxies 36 each. Bill thrown out.—Adjourned to Monday.



JULY 6.

The dispatches received yesterday from the Mediterranean were from Earl St Vincent, and, we are concerned to state, bring accounts of that brave Admiral having been obliged, on account of indisposition, to quit the fleet in the Mediterranean, and to return to Gibraltar. He has, however, left the command in most able hands—Admiral Lord Keith was left with twenty-one ships of the line off Toulon on the 1st of June last, at which time the Brest fleet was blocked up there. Our readers may be assured of the accuracy of this information; but it is not easy, we own, to reconcile it with the accounts from Paris by the last Journals. If we can give credit to these papers, the Brest fleet was not in Toulon harbour on the 20th ult. nor did the Journals of Paris know on the 1st of July where it was. It is impossible that it may have escaped the vigilance of the British fleet after the blockade of the port was formed.—*Star*.

Captain J. B. Hay, late of la Senfible, is appointed to command the *Leviathan* of 74 guns. The *Afia* transport, just out of dock, is taken up in Government service, to carry 500 troops to Lisbon and Minorca, and to deliver stores to Sierra Leone, with provisions, &c.

A number of resignations have taken place, on account of the fees in the several departments under Government being taken off.

FROM THE PARIS PAPERS.

GENOA—June 10.

General Macdonald's army, on its march from Bologna to Modena, gained three victories, one at St Albano, another near Modena, and the third at St Hilario, in all of which above 3000 Austro-Russian were taken prisoners. Moreau has transferred his headquarters to St Petro d'Arana, and is preparing to pass La Bochetta. Quarters are preparing for 12,000 men on the river of Genoa. The Austro-Russian fearing to be cut off by the French, have abandoned the plains of Piedmont, and retreated from Turin, Coni, &c. Our forces in Italy amount at least to 60,000 men, and will receive continual reinforcements. Bernadotte is on his return to Italy with troops, and a superb train of artillery.

LONDON—July 7.

Plymouth letters of Friday's date, state as follows:—"The John, sloop cartel, Singleton, master, went to Morlaix a few days since, with 15 or 16 Frenchmen from the prison ships, who had received passports; he arrived at Morlaix on Wednesday last, when, as usual, a guard was sent on board him, which in general consisted of three soldiers; but he had a gunner and four put on board on his arrival, which was increased to fix the same evening. The gunner informed him, that last Monday they received an account of an action with Lord St Vincent and the French fleet in Bay, the name he could not recollect; but it was where the Spanish fleet lay: that the French fleet appeared just as Lord St Vincent was about to engage the Spanish; and that after a severe action, Lord St Vincent was defeated with the loss of seven or eight ships; and that the French had lost two ships, which sunk during the action. The Commissary's clerk, who brought him his passport to depart, gave him exactly the same account, which he also got from a third person.

"This man has frequently carried Frenchmen from hence, and was always permitted to land and go where he wished. I cannot however suppose that the precaution used on this occasion, augurs any thing unfavourable to Great Britain; and if an action has taken place, which we very much doubt, I trust our next dispatches from the Mediterranean will do away any anxiety we may suffer. Indeed I think there is little reason to expect such an event, as I have recited from Singleton verbatim; and as he was not suffered to land, as heretofore, I think we may presume that our enemies took such precaution to prevent the communication of some bad news which they have received.

"The Spitfire, Captain Seymour, just arrived, boarded a Danish ship from Carthage, on 40 days, on the 4th July, which ship had been boarded, after she had passed the Gut several days, by an English privateer from Gibraltar, which informed him Lord St Vincent had met the Spanish fleet off Cape de Gatt, and had beaten them, and taken several of them. The master of the *Dane* knew the master of the privateer formerly, and could give credit to what he said. This was near three weeks ago.—On the 1st of July he was boarded by a Spanish frigate, three others in company, in lat. 45° 37' long. 10.

"A gentleman arrived here last evening from Madeira; he reports, that he was coming to England, passenger in H. M. ship *Diamond*, Capt. Griffiths,

which had conveyed the Indians to a certain latitude; that the *Diamond* was chased for a considerable time by four Spanish frigates in line of battle, but neither of them chose to risk an action; and the *Diamond*, having superiority in sailing, escaped. Soon after, she fell in with a packet from Lisbon, his Majesty's ships *Dryad* and *Revolutionaire*, to whom the circumstance was related. This gentleman was on board the packet, and landed a day or two since at Falmouth. The three frigates failed in company, under a pretence of sail, in search of the Spaniards."

In the Vengeance man of war which conveyed home the Leeward Island fleet, came passengers M. Barthelme and General Willot, two of the victims of the 4th of September. A passport has been sent to Deal to allow them to come to London.

The *Temeraire*, of 98 guns, in momentary readiness to sail from Spithead, is, it is stated, intended to convey Lord Elgin, family, and suite, to the Mediterranean.

The *William Pitt*, hired cutter of 14 guns, was, on the 6th of June, in the bay of Gibraltar, whilst conveying from Lord St Vincent dispatches, which the funk, captured by a considerable number of Spanish gun-boats. The *Swallow Packet*, it is said, will take out letters for Madras and Bengal.

The last Gazette contains an order in Council prohibiting the exportation of copper.

The Duke of Norfolk we understand shortly purposes to retire from the political world. The estates of Norfolk, Surry, Howard, and Arundel streets, with some adjoining grounds, is held by his Grace, on condition that the revenue arising from it should be wholly expended in repairing and improving Arundel Castle. The Duke sought to be relieved from so unnecessary and wanton appropriation, but has failed; and the produce of the estates in question, which, during the term of litigation, has amounted to nearly 200,000l. is now to be expended in rebuilding and adorning this venerable pile. His Grace intends personally to superintend the improvements, wholly to abstract himself from the busy anxious scene of politics, and to pass the remainder of his days in tranquil and splendid retirement.

The virtuous Thomas Paine's plan for revolutionizing America was lately in current circulation in France; it is worthy of its author. The American aristocrats, he says, "purge measures wholly calculated to bring once more the United States under British domination. Should George the Third be driven from his throne, America will be his place of refuge; there he has deposited his funds, and incredible as it may appear, there he will be King!"—This powerful influence of Britain in America, he states to arise from the inhabitants of the sea-ports; and to annihilate that influence, he proposes to destroy the medium. "The only way (says he) to break up their nests is, to burn the sea-ports, and in this way compel them to live amongst the planters, far removed from the channels of corruption!"

The Court Martial held at Eastbourne on Cornet Collison, acting Paymaster of the Ayrshire Fencible Cavalry, having, in pursuance of orders, refused their sitting (not, as has been stated, in consequence of an informality in their proceedings, but for the purpose of ascertaining the balance of his account,) their decision, approved of by his Majesty, has been announced in district orders. The sentence directs, that Mr Collison be dismissed the service with every possible degree of ignominy and disgrace, mulct of pay and arrears, rendered incapable of ever serving his Majesty, and imprisoned until he shall have repaid the public money he had made away with, amounting to upwards of 3000l.

Mr Collison, who had been a clerk in the office of Mess. Cox and Greenwood, on being appointed Paymaster of the Ayrshire, returned, according to the regulations, the names of two persons who were to be his sureties. They were, however, both disapproved, and he was directed to procure others.—This he neglected to do; and at the expiration of about a year, being urged to give the required bail, he absconded with the public money he had been able to collect, 500l. of which he lodged, in his own name, in the bank of Plymouth, from whence it was drawn under his power of attorney, previous to his trial, and a considerable part of which has been expended in his defence.

A novel and interesting question arises from this case. Upon whom the loss of the 3000l. should fall? Government issued the money to the agents; the agents acted only as a medium of conveyance, and re-issued it to the paymaster appointed by the Colonel, who was ignorant of him, and looked for the propriety of his conduct to those by whom he had been recommended; whilst they again conceive it was the Colonel's business to have obtained safety by insuring on the stipulated bail. As the 500l. that had been in the Plymouth bank is the only part of the defalcation that can be traced, or that the prisoner has given any account of, and as even that is not forthcoming, the entire sum appears irrecoverable, and his confinement to be indefinite.

LONDON—JULY 8.]

The Marquis of BUTE has condescended to become President of the Literary Fund—an institution that does honour to this age and this country, and which is countenanced with such emulous zeal of liberality by the friends of learning and talents, as to promise a permanent source of relief to neglected genius.

HAMBURG MAIL,

RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

VIENNA—JUNE 19.

This day's Court Gazette contains the following Supplement Extraordinary of June 19:—

"According to a report received from his Royal Highness the Archduke Charles, dated Klotten, June 9, there were found and taken by our troops, in the city of Zurich, from which, as it is mentioned, the enemy retreated with such precipitation, 94 pieces of cannon.

"On the 8th inst. General Prince Rosenberg attacked the enemy's rear with a part of his advanced guard near Alberried, and made himself master of the place, and stationed his outposts on the heights situated in front of it.

"Agreeable to a report received from Field-Marshal Lieutenant Count Bellegarde, the enemy, having received new reinforcements after the defeat they suffered on the 29th ult. on Mount St Gotthard, and near (what is called) the Devil's Bridge; and having again dislodged Colonel Count St Julien from some part of the advantages he had gained on the 31st ult. probably with the design of making themselves masters again of the important position of Mount St Gotthard.—His Royal Highness now mentions, that, according to a report just received from Field-Marshal Lieutenant General Hotze, the enemy was prevented from penetrating farther in that quarter, by Colonel Prince Victor Roban's advancing as far as Briegen, in the Walloon country,

and by that of Gen. Herbert from the Grison country, against Taverisch, as well as by the reinforcement sent Lieut. Count Bellegarde, and the enemy were forced to abandon the advantages they had so recently gained."

[Here follows a long circumstantial relation which respecting the two engagements which took place on the 25th ult. between the advanced guard of our army and a great part of the enemy's army, near Andelfingen and Fraudinfeld. His Royal Highness promises to give an account of our loss in those affairs, upon receiving the returns.]

According to a report of the General of Cavalry, Count Melas, the French General Moreau had retreated into the valley of the river Yanaro, and taken a position near Savona, which enabled him to wait the arrival of the reinforcements designed for him.

Those reinforcements consisted of the troops under the command of General Macdonald, who have since that effected a junction with the rest of Moreau's army, coming from the Neapolitan and Roman territories, and who were also to be joined by Generals Montrichard and Gauthier from Tuscany and the Bolognese.

VERONA—JUNE 15.

On the 11th inst. General Hohenzollern succeeded in repulsing a French corps of 8000 men which had approached Modena, and made 800 prisoners. But next day General Macdonald appearing with his whole army of 30,000 men, General Hohenzollern was obliged to retire with his weak corps, to the Po. The French extend towards Ferrara and Parma. General Ott is stationed near Piacenza and receiving reinforcements. General Kray is gone in great haste to Savarow's head-quarters, to concert the plan of operations against Macdonald. At the approach of the latter's army, the Duke of Parma and family fled over the Po.

WINTERTHUR, JUNE 16.

Yesterday, at three o'clock in the morning, Massena attacked the position of the Austrians before Zurich. The combat lasted six hours. The Austrians were three times repulsed, but forced the French as often back into their former position. At last, the Austrians advanced at nine o'clock, carried and occupied the height called 'Gallows Mount,' upon which the French retreated. Our loss consists in 200 killed and missing, and several wounded.

The enemy's loss was likewise considerable, and the Austrians took several prisoners.

ZURICH—JUNE 15.

This morning the French made an attack. The action lasted all day long, and cost a great number of lives on both sides. This evening each party resumed their former position.

The Austrians have formed two camps in the front of this city, and in their first line of battle is a numerous body of cavalry.

JUNE 18.

The head-quarters of the Archduke Charles are still at Klotten.

The position of the French, at the distance of one league from hence, is almost impregnable; they occupy the chain of high mountains which run parallel with the Lake, from south-west to north-east; batteries defend its approach. On the 8th the Austrians made a slight attack upon the front of that position, on the Zurich road to Bremgarten.

The battle on the 5th inst. was a murderous one.—At two o'clock in the morning the French attacked the Austrian outposts in front of this place, profiting of the disadvantage of the position of the latter, which is parted by the Limmat, and of the circumstance, that that part of their army which was to assist the other, was obliged to march through this city.

They succeeded in repulsing the Imperial outposts to the camp, which consists chiefly of straw huts, and took some prisoners. But the alarm being given, reinforcements having arrived, and the Austrian cavalry, pursued and advancing from Stettfeld, the latter bravely held out in the plain the shock which the enemy gave.

At four o'clock the engagement became bitter, and the cannonade and discharge of musketry were spread all along the line; some shells fell into this city, and set a house on fire. At last a part of the Imperial army, which is still posted on the right bank of the Limmat, having passed that river to reinforce their advanced guard, the French were finally attacked, and soon repulsed.

Should all Switzerland be conquered, they talk of convoking a Congress at Berne, to give Switzerland a Federal Constitution, similar to that of the United States of North America.

DEFEAT OF GENERAL MACDONALD.

We are happy in the opportunity of being able to announce, that by advices from Vienna of a date subsequent to the Court Gazette Extraordinary of the 16th ultimo, the statement of the junction of Moreau and Macdonald is wholly incorrect.

No junction had been effected; and we understand that Government has this forenoon received an account of the total defeat of Macdonald by F. M. Savarow, at St Gioani, near Bobbio. The particulars of this important victory has not however been received.—*Sum*.

The following curious paragraph from a German paper, appears under the head of Mentz, June 22:—"Public papers say the last journey of the Count D'Artois from Edinburgh to London, had for its object the signing of an act, by which he renounced all claim upon the Crown of France, in favour of the Duke d'Angouleme."

—DIED—

Lord Chief Justice Eyre, on the 6th, at Maidenhead.

CORN EXCHANGE, LONDON, July 8.

ENGLISH Wheat continuing to come but sparingly to hand, and the foreign supply being still kept out by contrary winds, the demand was brisk again to-day, and prices have advanced full 6d. per quarter from last Monday, though I do not think this advance can be long supported.

But very little Barley at market. These prices are nominal; though a few small parcels fetched 38s. per quarter. Malt continues much the same.

A pretty many Oats on sale to-day; but, the demand being brisk, prices advanced 1s. per quarter.

Beans and Grey Peas are 1s. and Boilers 2s. per quarter dearer.

Fine Red and White Clover in demand at last week's prices. Other sorts are lower.

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English Wheat,	60	7 8	Malt,	42	45 0
Extra,	72	7 0	Five,	46	0
Barley,	135	3 0	Oats,	34	35 0
Suffolk,	—	38 0	Mead,	34	38 6
Fine Flour	56	60 0			

—STOCKS—

This day, (July 8.) at twelve o'clock.
3 per cent. cons. 59 1/2—Glasgow 6 1/2
Exchanges on Dublin 11 1/2

We have the following from a gentleman of considerable eminence in London. It is dated July 8.—
“You will hear of some political event of consequence shortly, as a gentleman (to my knowledge, and few know it) is gone to the Continent, on a most confidential mission.—I hope it tends to peace.”

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT. HOUSE OF LORDS—July 8.

On the third reading of the Treason Forfeiture bill, Lord Holland, in a speech of much animation and argument, opposed the bill both in principle and detail; to whom the Lord Chancellor replied.

The Duke of Norfolk proposed that it might be continued in force but for one year, or till the end of the next Session of Parliament.

The Lord Chancellor observed the punishment should keep pace with the crime, and as treason might be permanent, so should the penalties annexed to it.—He opposed the amendment; on which the House divided.—For the amendment 5.—Against it 11. The bill in its original state was then read a third time and passed.

On the third reading of the Seditious Societies bill, the Duke of Norfolk hoped that the Noble Lord (Grenville) would not insist in making the penalties of this bill permanent; as the crimes stated in the bill were by its preamble conceived to be of a temporary nature. Lord Grenville assented to the observation, and agreed that it should be limited to the duration of one year, or the end of next Session of Parliament.

A clause to this effect was accordingly adopted. The slave carrying bill, after some observations from Lord Thurlow, went through a Committee.

On the second reading of the militia reduction bill, Lord CAERNARVON objected to it on the ground of the inequality of the reduction in different counties.

Lord GRENVILLE replied, and the bill was read a second time.

The Small Note Duty bill having gone into a committee, the Duke of ATHOL proposed a clause with respect to the British Linen Company, of the same nature as that moved in the Commons, of the result of which we are ignorant, as the House was left sitting.

Monday arrived in London the Hamburg mail which became due on Wednesday.—The intelligence it brings from Italy is nearly of the same as that which appeared in the French papers received in the course of the preceding week; the other mail now due is likely to bring very important news from the seat of war in that part of Europe.

By the Vienna Court Gazette Extraordinary, of the 16th ult. the junction of Generals MOREAU and MACDONALD's armies is officially announced; a measure which has probably been facilitated by the landing of French troops at Genoa; on which subject, however, this and the Gazette of the 19th June, are entirely silent; the latter makes no further mention of any news from Italy or Switzerland.

By various accounts it appears, that Generals MOREAU and MACDONALD were concentrating their troops in great force. The allies were preparing to oppose them without hindrance to the close siege of the citadels of Turin, Tortona, and Alessandria. The corps under Field-Marshal Lieutenant-Generals BELLEGARDE and OTT; the divisions of Generals FROICH and HOHENZOLLERN; the brigades of Generals SECKENDORFF and ALCAINI, have all been united into a strong army of observation, ready to act every instant in support of the grand army of Field-Marshal SUWARROW. Hence the news of a general and bloody engagement may soon be expected, which, no doubt, will decide the fate of the French in Italy.

The official accounts from Switzerland only come down to the 9th, under which date the Archduke CHARLES wrote to Vienna, that the French left ninety-four pieces of cannon in Zurich; and that the progress of movements to Mount Saint Gothard and the Devil's Bridge had been stopped by Colonel Prince ROMAN, Generals HUBERT and HADDICK.

Direct letters from Switzerland say, that General MASSENA disputes every inch of ground, and has obtained some trifling advantages in the engagements since the 9th, which, however, were soon recovered by the Imperialists, whose headquarters on the 15th were still at Klotten, where General HOTZE and other Chiefs hold conferences every day.

From Constantinople we learn, that GHEZAR PACHA has advanced upon the army of BUONAPARTE considerably beyond St Jean d'Acre, and an official letter appears in the Edinburgh Court Gazette from GHEZAR PACHA, to the Porte, dated the 12th of April, confirming the account of the defeat of the French in their trenches near St Jean d'Acre.

Other accounts, however, represent BUONAPARTE as having approached farther into Syria, but these appear deserving of little credit.

Of the real disposition of the King of Prussia, the foreign Gazettes furnish no information that can be depended upon.

The rumour was, however, on Sunday revived, that he had demanded the restoration of the Stadtholder as the price of peace. The account is said to have come from Rotterdam, and is nearly the same in substance as that which appeared in the Paris prints, which we gave formerly.

Much murmuring and discontent prevails in Holland; and, in consequence of the departure of the French troops, a number of the more violent of the patriotic party, so called, have emigrated, as if apprehensive some political change were about to take place.

If the accounts in the Paris papers are true, that the French fleet had again failed from Toulon, they must have slipped out at a time when the English Squadron had been blown off the coast; we will however hope, that they will not be able to escape. It is particularly deplorable that they should not be suffered again to pass the Straits.

By the London Observer published on Sunday, we have a report brought from Morlaix, that Lord St VINCENT's fleet in the Mediterranean has been defeated by the French and Spaniards.—Previous to the battle of the Nile we had a similar report that Lord NELSON had been defeated; we have no doubt that the present report will have a similar termination, and what is stated in another paragraph, that the British fleet has gained a victory is certainly more likely to be soon confirmed.

From a gentleman on board the Cambrian, now off Havre-de-Grace, we have this day received a letter, dated to late as Friday last, forwarded to us from Portsmouth; it looks as if an action had really taken place, but with a very different result from that stated in the French papers. By two spies received on board the same day, the Cambrian was informed, that in an engagement between the two fleets the French had been defeated, fifteen of their ships taken and five sunk. We regret that the hurry in which our correspondent wrote, prevented his giving either the time or other circumstances connected with the action; but should the news prove true, we may expect that Ministers will soon have it in their power to lay the particulars before the public.—*Star, 8th inst.*

On Tuesday GEORGE FERGUSON, Esq. presented to the Court of Session his Majesty's commission, appointing him one of the Judges in that Court, in place of the late Lord JUSTICE-CLERK. After the usual trials Mr FERGUSON will this day take his seat on the bench by the title of Lord HERMANN.

Yesterday ANDREW HOLMES, who was lately incarcerated for shop-breaking in this city, received his indictment to stand trial before the High Court of Justiciary, on Monday the 22d current.

Tuesday the annual Convention of Royal Boroughs met at Edinburgh.

The Treasurer of the Society at Leith for the recovery of persons apparently drowned, has received 51. left by a benevolent gentleman with the Rev. Mr DICKSON on Friday last.

The Baltic fleet arrived yesterday, under convoy of the Pomona, Sir JOSEPH EYLES, and Manly gun vessel, Lieut. MALONE.

The David and Jean, Capt. CAITHNESS, from Banff to London, with oats, was taken off Flamborough-head the 6th inst. but she has been since retaken by a Carron brig.

The prices of wheat have advanced in the London market no less than 6s. per quarter since last week.—This is truly astonishing; but such prices cannot last.

The motion made by Lord HAWKESBURY respecting corn, is for the very important purpose of preventing the ill effects of a monopoly in that article, which, from the probability of a scarcity, is certainly begun. It seems Government have a watchful eye on the parties and their measures, and will in case of necessity procure an importation that will keep down the prices here. The blessings of Providence, however, are, in this instance, likely to be bountifully given to us, the general accounts being in favour of a most productive season, in all the various articles of life.

The only important article in the Irish papers received since our last is a declaration in favour of Union, signed by 400 of the nobility, gentry, and principal merchants and traders of Waterford.

In the county of Mayo a similar resolution has been adopted. It is subscribed by the following noblemen—Lucan, J. Killala, Glentworth, Yelverton, Tyravley, William Tuam, Clanricarde, Altamont, Mayo, Erne. Sixty Magistrates also subscribed, and above 120 private gentlemen.

On Thursday the 4th instant, Lieutenant Colonel NICHOLSON, Inspecting Officer for the southern district, inspected Major ESKINE and Captain CAMPBELL's companies of Tweeddale volunteers at Peebles. The corps went through their manoeuvres and fringes in a manner that did great credit to themselves and their officers, and much to the satisfaction of Colonel NICHOLSON, who was pleased to express his entire approbation of the appearance and discipline of this fine corps.

Tuesday's frigate the HAWK VOLUNTEERS, under the command of Captain CHISHOLM, assembled on the Common Haugh, the field being guarded and the crowd kept off by the Yeomanry Cavalry. The Volunteers formed the hollow square, one side of which having been opened by a backwards wheel from the centre, Mrs CHISHOLM of Surcises, attended by a numerous and respectable company, approached the square with a handsome standard in her hands, which Mrs CHISHOLM, in a suitable address to the Lieutenant of the company, presented to the corps, as a token of her respect for them; to which a proper reply was made by Lieutenant WILSON, for her attention to the company in bestowing upon them so elegant and so proper a present. After which the corps wheeled into line, and was inspected by Colonel NICHOLSON, and performed their marchings, wheelings, fringes, and different manoeuvres before a numerous body of spectators, to the satisfaction of the Inspecting Officer, and to the approbation of the company. In the afternoon, the whole corps, with the party of the Yeomanry Cavalry, dined together in the Tower Inn, when many loyal toasts were given, and the evening was spent with jollity and conviviality.

On Saturday last, the 1st and 2d corps of the Royal Dumfriess Volunteers were inspected by Colonel NICHOLSON, when he expressed himself highly pleased with their marching and fringes. A detachment of the 10th regiment of militia kept the ground.

Last week Lord McDONALD's regiments of the Isles arrived at Aberdeen from Inverness, on their route to Carlisle.

The JEDBURGH VOLUNTEERS were inspected on Monday last at Mounthooly-Haugh, by Lieutenant Colonel NICHOLSON. He expressed his warmest approbation, not only of the appearance of the men, but also of the steadiness and regularity of their manoeuvres. It is worthy of notice, that this corps has been disciplined without any military aid, and, notwithstanding, from their own exertions and attention, they have acquired a considerable degree of proficiency in the use and management of their arms.

The Troop of Yeomanry Cavalry in the county of Selkirk, commanded by Captain PRINGLE of Torwoodlee, and the corps of Volunteer Infantry in Selkirk, commanded by Captain PRINGLE of Whitebank, were this day inspected by Colonel NICHOLSON, of the Royals, who expressed himself highly satisfied with the appearance, discipline, and manoeuvres of these corps.

DUNBAR—29th July, 1799.

The May Flower of Stromness, Captain NEWGAR, arrived here this day, and reports, that when off Aberdeen on Sunday last, the fishermen informed him, that about four or five days before, a lugger privateer (the Sea Devil in gilt letters marked on her stern) had captured a number of vessels on the north coast, three of whose crews they landed, with their own boat, at Aberdeen, and run two vessels on shore at near same place. Defenceless coasters soon become an easy prey to these troublers of tranquillity; and, very unfortunately for this country, Norway opens her ports as a receptacle for their prizes, and if they had not such a receipt, few captures would be made; and it is hoped that our Government will take notice of this without delay.

MARRIED.

At Edinburgh, on the 8th current, Lieutenant HOWARD DOUGLAS, of the Royal Artillery, son of the late Rear-Admiral Sir Charles Douglas, Bart. to Miss ANNE DUNNAS, daughter of the late Captain James Dundas, of the Earl of Fitzwilliam East Indian.

Lately at Mayville, Ayrshire, ROBERT CUMING, Esq. of Logie, to Miss LESLIE BAILLIE, youngest daughter of Robert Baillie, Esq. of Mayville.

At Hyderabad, in the East Indies, G. URK, Esq. surgeon to the Presidency, to Miss H. BLAIR, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Dr Blair, Prebendary of Westminster.

At Aberdeen, on Thursday the 4th instant, GAVIN HADDON, Esq. merchant in that place, to Miss HOPE INNES, daughter of the late Alexander Innes, Esq. of Cowie.

DIED.

On Saturday the 6th instant, at the Manse of Cummertrees, the Rev. Mr THOMAS SMITH, minister of that parish.

On the 4th inst. at Hampstead, Sir JOHN ANSTANTHUR, of Anstruther, Bart.

At Benares, in the East Indies, on the 14th of January last, ROBERT GRAHAM, Esq. eldest son of Robert Graham, Esq. of Fintry.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

On Monday the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers of this City, elected the following Gentlemen as Office-bearers for the ensuing year:

WILLIAM RAMSAY, Esq. of Barnton, Chairman
Thomas Williamson, Esq. of Leith, Sen. Deputy-Chairman
William Sibbald, Esq. of Ditto, Jun. Deputy-chairman
Robert Allan, Esq. Treasurer
William Creech, Esq. Secretary
The Rev. Robert Walker, Chaplain
Mr Robert Cameron, Clerk.

DIRECTORS.

Sir William Forbes, Bart. Messrs Barclay Fife
Messrs William Cadell, jun. Alexander Sheriff
James Stein James Donaldson
William Hall William Ainslie
Robert Anderson Jo. Watson.

In place of the six senior Directors of last year, and Directors elected into other offices—the other Directors and Auditors of accounts continued the same as last year.

The La Virginie privateer of Calais, on Sunday's evening the 30th of June, took the sloop Brothers of Stornaway, Donald Nicolson master, from Hamburg for Aberdeen, with flax, off Stonehaven. On Tuesday morning, the same privateer captured the Lord Saltoun of Aberdeen, from Sunderland, with coals; and on Thursday morning, off Montrose, a galliot from Hamburg to Liverpool, with grain. The masters of the Brothers and Lord Saltoun, and part of the crews of said vessels, were put on board the galliot's boat, and came into Aberdeen harbour on Thursday evening. It appears by the declarations of Mr NICOLSON, and of the Masters of several other vessels, that they came under convoy of the armed ship Good Design, Captain RATHBONE, who was to see them to the bay of Aberdeen, but that he left them on Sunday evening, when they were within a few miles of the port of Aberdeen. The privateer had yellow sides, was pierced for 14 guns, but had only six mounted, had been twenty days out from Bergen, and made seven captures during that time.

THE EFFECT OF THE INCOME TAX ON THE PRICE OF LAND.

The income tax, could it be accurately collected, is certainly the most equitable that could well be devised. It has many obvious advantages over every other tax that has yet been laid on the public, several of which have been taken notice of in this, as well as other periodical publications; but there is one material consequence of this tax that seems to have escaped general observation, it will prevent the price of land from falling beneath its proper value.

Great part of the monied men in Britain consist of gentlemen, who, from small beginnings, have made fortunes in the East or West Indies. Many of these being bachelors, upon coming home, vested their money in Government stocks, from which they drew their interest, without the smallest deduction. They at the same time got free of most of the public taxes, by keeping no establishment or house of their own, but living in hired lodgings in London or some other large town. A person, in this way, might have had 50,000l. or 100,000l. in the stocks, with an income of 2500l. or 5000l. a-year, and not have paid perhaps above 5l. or 10l. a-year to Government in taxes, while a landed gentleman, living in the country, was obliged to keep his carriage and horses, with an establishment of servants, and was subjected to land-tax, tithes, poor rates, and many other heavy burdens.

The monied man will not now have the same improper advantages. If his income in the stocks is 2500l. or 5000l. a-year, he will be in no better, or rather a worse situation, than a landholder with the same rental. Both will pay ten per cent. on their income, or 250l. or 500l. a-year to Government; but from this income the latter is allowed to deduct the land-tax and the public burdens, as well as the expense of collecting his rents, paying only ten per cent. on the neat balance; an allowance is even made him for improving his estate.

In several respects, therefore, the landed gentleman is now in a better situation than the stockholder of 3 per cents. The income of the latter never can increase by any fortunate circumstance whatever, and the principal or price of stock, by the unavoidable fall in time of war, must frequently be diminished; whereas, from an experience of above a century past, it is found, that the rent of land, notwithstanding all our wars, has been invariably on the increase, and the value of an estate, in the space of 20 years, nearly double.

Hence it appears, that the price of land, instead of falling, must naturally rise, in consequence of the income tax. Hence, also, it is evident, that it is now the interest of monied men to invest their fortunes in land rather than in stocks, of which the income never can increase, and the principal itself is so liable to depreciation.

It is surprising this idea has not struck the monied men sooner; it, however, needs only to be suggested.—A word to the wife is enough.

SOUND INTELLIGENCE.

PASSED UPWARDS.
June 24. Hope, Rait, from Randers for Riga, ballast.
25. Centurion, Lyall, from Rorvig for Riga, ballast.

ARRIVED DOWNWARDS.
June 22. Fortune, Wittem, from Dantzick for Dublin, timber
23. Haddock, Hutchinson, from St. Petersburg, for London, sundries.

24. Roman Vazlovets, Ure, from ditto for Grangemonth, tallow.
John, Smitham, from Pillau for Weymouth, wheat.

We hear that the George and Janet, Juno and Minerva, captured in the Cattegat on the 28th inst. by L'Heronelle French privateer, is carried into Christiania in Norway. Wind S. W.

ELSENBURG, June 25. HOWDEN and CO.
EDINBURGH PRICES OF MEAL, July 9.
Lothian Oatmeal, 18s. 6d. South Country, —
Mid Lothian per B. 1 South Country per B. 1 Price per Peck.
First, 1 3 3 First, 1 6 6
Second, 1 3 0 Second, 1 5 0
Third, 1 2 6 Third, 1 4 6

VERSES.

The following Verses portray the character they describe in language so elegant, forcible, and just, that they cannot fail of exciting at once admiration and sympathy.

BLUE-EYED MARY.

In a cottage embosom'd within a deep shade,
Like a rose in a desert, Oh! view the meek maid;
Her aspect all sweetness, all plaintive her eye,
And a bosom for which e'en a Monarch might sigh.
Then in neat Sunday gown see her met by the 'Squire,
All attraction her countenance, all air divine.
He accosts her—she blushes—he flatters—she smiles;
And soon blue-eyed Mary's seduc'd by his wiles.
Now with drops of contrition her pillow's wet o'er;
But the fleece when once stain'd can give sweetness no more.
The aged folks whisper, the maidens look shy;
To town the 'Squire presses—how can she deny?
There behold her in lodgings—She dresses in style,
Public places frequents, sighs no more, but reads Hoyle's;
Learns to squander—They quarrel—his love turns to hate,
And soon blue-eyed Mary is left to her fate.
Still of beauty possess'd, and not yet void of shame,
With a heart that recoils at the prostitute's name,
She tries for a service—her character's gone—
And for skill at her needle, alas! 'tis unknown.
Pale want now approaches; the pawnbroker's near,
And her trinkets and clothes, one by one, disappear;
Till at length, sorely pinch'd, and quite desperate grown,
The poor blue-eyed Mary is forc'd on the town.
In a brothel next see her, trick'd out to allure,
And all ages, all humours, compell'd to endure;
Compell'd, tho' disgusted, to wheedle and feign,
With an aspect all artful, and a bosom all pain.
Now carous'd, now insulted, now flatter'd, now scorn'd,
And by ruffians and drunkards oft wantonly spurr'd.
This work of all misery she's doom'd to endure,
For the poor blue-eyed Mary is now an insipidure.
Whilst thus the barb'd arrow sinks deep in her soul,
She flies for relief to that traitor the bowl;
Grows stupid and bloated, and lost to all shame,
Whilst a dreadful disease is pervading her frame.
Now with eyes dim and languid the once blooming maid,
In a garret on straw faint and helpless is laid;
Oh! mark her pale cheek, see, she scarce draws her breath;
And lo! her blue eyes are now seal'd up in death.
* Hoyle's Bo k on Games.

INCOME TAX COMMISSIONERS.

STIRLINGSHIRE EASTERN DISTRICT.
Major-General William Maxwell of Parkhall,
William Cadell of Banton,
Joseph Williamson of Polmont, and
William Glen of Forganhall.

ARRIVED AT LEITH.

July 8. Catharine and Isobel, Nairn, from Perth, goods—Betsey, Robertson, from North Berwick, grain—Leith, M'Fie, from Greenock, goods—Cato, Baxter, from Hamburg, wheat—Maria, Wilkinson, from Rye, goods—Betsey, Grindlay, from St. Petersburg, ditto.

9. Mary, Smith, from Liverpool, goods—Swan, Falconer, from Gottenburgh, ditto—Diligence, Robertson, from Peterhead, oats—Friendship, Spink, from Arbroath, goods—Friendship, Crichton, from Banff, grain—Coldstream Packet, Watson, from London, goods.

10. Edinburgh and Berwick Packet, Cooper, from London, goods—Ann, Sinclair, from Gottenburgh, ditto—Morning Star, Yule, from ditto, ditto—Berwick Packet, Patterson, from London, ditto.

CLEARED OUT.

10. Cluster of Pearls, M'Kinnon, for Greenock—Peggy, Clark, for Dundee—Robert, Brown, for Glasgow—Aberdeen Merchant, Brough, for London—Ketty, Wishart, for Newcastle—Kello Packet, Moor, for London—Ceres, Bruce, for ditto—Ceres, Newcastle, for Greenock—Sprightly, Taylor, for Berwick, all with goods.

LONDON.

ENTERED INWARDS.
July 5. Bo-ness, Carron, Watt.

CLEARED OUTWARDS.

6. Berwick, Neptune, Hall—Leith, Commercial pack-
et, Turner—Dundee, Tay, Brown.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

A SCHOOLMASTER for the Town and Parish of Culross, who can teach English, Latin, French, Arithmetic and Book-keeping. Whoever wishes to propose himself as a Candidate for this place, may apply to Alex. Masterton, Esq. first Magistrate of Culross, or any other of the Magistrates, or either of the Ministers, producing at sometime, proper certificates of his moral character.
N. B.—The stated Income of the Schoolmaster of Culross is about 18l. Sterling, besides the School wages and Church perquisites.

A HORSE STRAYED.

A HORSE, with a Saddle and Bridle, STRAYED from the neighbourhood of Currie, on Sunday evening the 7th inst. He is about 17 hands high, dark bay, with a good deal of white on his face. Any person having him in custody, will please send notice to the Office of the Publisher, and all expenses will be paid.
July 11. 1799.

FINE SCALE SUGARS.

ARRIVED by the Windward Island Fleet, and to be sold AT WALKER, THOMSON, & CO.

ALSO ON SALE.

Jordan Almonds.
Muscatell, Bloom, and Sun Raisins.
Barcelona Nuts.
Currants in Leghorn packages.
Carolina Rice in tierces.
Leith, 10th July 1799.

SWEDISH BAR IRON.

JOHN SINCLAIR, West Bow, Edinburgh, has received with the last ships from Gothenburg, a very good assortment of the best SWEDISH IRON, which will be sold in wholesale and retail upon the most reasonable terms.

SWEDISH HERRINGS.

To be Sold for Exportation to Ireland.
To be Sold by public roup, on account of the Underwriters, on Wednesday 17th inst. between twelve and two o'clock afternoon, at Eyemouth, near Berwick, About 600 Barrels SWEDISH HERRINGS.
For farther particulars apply to Metzies and Anderson, Hunter's Square, Edinburgh.

FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.

To be Sold by roup.
FORTY Head of Fat HIGHLAND STOPS, and a number of FAT SHEEP, at the Harelaw, near Chirnside, in the shire of Berwick, on Monday the 22d of this instant July, 1799. Ready money on lifting.

DWELLING HOUSE, &c. IN LEITH LINKS.—AND CHAISE AND HORSES TO BE SOLD.

THE Dwelling House, Garden, Stable, Coach House, &c. possessed by the late Mr William Mitchell, north west corner of Leith Links, will be sold by public roup in August next; the hour and place of sale will be previously advertised.

Also to be sold, together or separately, by private bargain, a Second Hand Chaise and Harness, and a pair of Strong Dark Brown Carriage Horses, full tails, about 14 hands.
The Horses are in a park at Leith Mills, and will be shewn by the servants there.

The Chaise may be seen by application at the house in Leith Links.
William Boyd, W. S. Adam's Square, will give further information.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON.

The Berwick Old Shipping Company's Steam, BERWICK PACKET, JOHN PATTERSON Master, Will take in goods till Saturday afternoon, and sail on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Old Shipping Co's Office, Leith, } Wm. GRINLY, Agent
July 10. 1799.

